

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

CV-18-118-GF-BMM

ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF STATE, et al.,

vs.

and

TRANSCANADA CORP., et al.,

Defendants-Intervenors.

ORDER

Before the Court is Defendants' U.S. Department of State *et al.* Motion for Stay (Doc. 36) of the February 4, 2019 deadline requiring Defendants to answer Plaintiffs' complaint. (Doc. 29).

Federal Defendants seek to stay their answer deadline because funding for the Department of Justice expired and appropriations to the Department have lapsed. (Doc. 36 at 2). This lapse in appropriations has caused the Department of Justice attorneys and other governmental employees related to this suit to work in

very limited circumstances. *Id.* Defendants seek a stay of the deadline until Congress has restored appropriations to the Department. *Id.*

Indeed, the Federal Government remains partially shutdown and continues to impact negatively close to one million federal workers. To stay these proceedings, however, due to the Federal Government's failure to reopen and deny the Plaintiffs the right to be heard in relation to these alleged harms would contradict the interests of justice.

ORDER

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Defendants' Motion for Stay (Doc. 36) is DENIED.

DATED this 28th day of January, 2019.

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Brian Morris
United States District Court Judge